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TAGS: EALR, EINV, EIND, MX

SUBJECT: AUTOMOTIVE DECREE

REF: MEXICO 10486

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR, FORD MANAGER IN MEXICO LLOYD HALSTEAD REFERRED TO DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE DECREE. FORD HAS SENT LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE REGARDING INVESTMENT PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA IN GENERAL AND MEXICAN AUTOMOTIVE DECREE IN PARTICULAR, ASSERTING THAT FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES PLACED AT SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE. ALTHOUGH HALSTEAD CONCEDED THAT INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF DECREE MAY BE DESIRABLE FROM GOM POINT OF VIEW, SUCH AS MORE INTEGRATION OF DOMESTIC COMPONENTS IN END-PRODUCTS, INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE TO INVEST HEAVILY TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS. RETURN WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY INVESTMENT AND CAPITAL WHICH IS UNAVAILABLE IN ANY CASE.

2. AS IS NOTED IN DEPT'S MEMORANDUM (PREPARED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MR. BULLEN, EB/ORF/FSE) OF FIRST MEETING OF U.S.-MEXICO SUBGROUP ON ENERGY, INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND MINERALS HELD IN MEXICO JULY 14-15, MR. FORREST ABBUHL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE "EXPRESSED OUR GENERAL CONCERN OVER THE QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FOREIGN INVESTMENT..." WITH RESPECT TO AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY DECREE. THE MEXICAN SIDE WAS CHAIRED BY UNDERSECRETARY WARMAN

(PATRIMONY) WHO IS KEY PERSON IN THIS MATTER.

3. STATE 182775 CARRIES THE RAPPOREUR'S DRAFT REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE U.S.-MEXICO SUBGROUP ON TRADE. PARAGRAPH FIVE NOTES THAT "AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUBGROUP ON ENERGY, INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND MINERALS, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUBGROUP ON TRADE AGREED TO EXAMINE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSEQUENCES OF MEXICO'S RECENT AUTOMOTIVE LEGISLATION."

4. USG CONCERNS OVER AUTOMOTIVE DECREE THUS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ATTENTION OF GOM AT SUB-SECRETARY LEVEL.
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